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Spectrum Usage Charge
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has adopted a new formula to calculate spectrum usage charge from telecom companies;

(b) if so, the salient features of new formulas/rules;

(c) whether the Government has also approved a lower spectrum usage charge at 3 percent for the forthcoming spectrum auction and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a difference between the charges applicable on normal operators and ISPs and the Government proposes to harmonise the difference between such operators and charge a uniform fee for spectrum from telecom companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) A formula to calculate Spectrum Usage Charge (SUC) from telecom companies is under consideration.
(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
(d) & (e) SUC is being charged in respect of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) based on a formula in case of spectrum other than 2300 MHz/2500 MHz bands. In case of 2300 MHz/2500 MHz bands, SUC is charged at 1% of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) from ISPs. The SUC from Access Service Providers is charged based on a percentage of AGR excluding revenue from wireline services. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to harmonise the difference between such operators and charge a uniform fee for spectrum from telecom companies.